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For: DIAGNOSTIC AND THERAPEUTIC USE OF VAULT  
POLYNUCLEOTIDES AND PROTEINS FOR NEURODEGENERATIVE  
DISEASES

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows: